

THESE FORTY + YEARS

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"For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing."

- Deuteronomy 2:7

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCH PLANTING EFFORTS IN MORMONLAND BY BIBLICAL MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE

FIRST, SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE PERIOD OF TIME 1850 TO 1950.

Shortly after the Mormons arrived in Utah, three denominational groups which were quite evangelical at the time (Presbyterians, Methodists, and the Baptists) began ministering in Utah. A number of Presbyterian churches were built in cities and towns such as Salt Lake City, Logan, Kaysville, Brigham City, Payson and other places. The Methodists and Presbyterians had an agreement that certain towns would be for the Presbyterians and others for the Methodists. Methodists built churches in Corinne, Tremonton, Price, and other places.

For a period of several months, Frederick Fransen, the founder of The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), came to Utah and walked from home to home and farm to farm to minister to Mormons who had come from Scandinavian countries.

Early in the twentieth century, John Nutting, a Congregational minister, came to Utah to minister. He organized the Utah Gospel Mission. At first he came with a group traveling with covered wagons. He would go from town to town, and preach around camp fires and from the steps of various court houses. Later his mission groups traveled in model T trucks.

In 1929, George Cook came to Utah under Utah Gospel Mission. He later became a member of Utah Bible Mission and continued serving the Lord in Utah until his death.

In 1957, I talked with the Hansons in Brigham City who had heard John Nutting preach from the court house steps in Brigham City. Archie Yetter, of Rockmont College, told me in 1957 that he heard John Nutting pray near the end of his life that God would raise up someone to evangelize Utah.

One of the notable early Baptists serving in Utah was Rev. M. T. Lamb who, in 1887, wrote a book called THE GOLDEN BIBLE. It was a scholarly work analyzing the Book of Mormon. Reprints are available now through Utah Lighthouse Ministries.

About 1920, a Rev. Baynes established Bethel Baptist Church in Salt Lake City. In 1924, he drew quite a few Mormons to hear a special sermon which he preached on the subject "When Modernism Comes to Mormonism". He was followed by his son, Rev. James Baynes who pastored the Bethel Baptist Church until about 1958 or perhaps 1960. Rev. James Baynes also started Anchor Baptist church, and Sandy Baptist Church (Which is pastored today by Wesley Clem). Rev. Baynes was active in the IFCA, and frequently attended the Regionals held in Colorado, and shared his burden for Utah with the men in the Rocky Mountain Regional. James Baynes passed away suddenly in 1963 and Thomas Miller succeeded him as pastor of Anchor Baptist Church.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MISSION CHURCHES IN UTAH AFTER 1950.

In 1950 Pastor John Kyle, who was pastor of the Berean Fundamental Church in Ogallala, Nebraska, became burdened for doing missionary work in Utah. A mission board was formed in the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference of the IFCA. It was called ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP. Board members were Rev. John Mattingly, Mr. Raymond Whitlock, Mr. Charles Weiford (all of Emmanuel Bible Church), Rev. Leonard Van Dam, and Rev. James Baynes. In 1951 John Kyle came to Utah under RNIBF. He brought summer workers to Utah who held VBS sessions in Richfield, Salina, Tooele and other Utah towns. Some of those summer workers were Frank

each Sunday Morning. He also taught a class on Sunday night. Eleanor taught a Navajo children's class during Sunday School and played the piano for services. Both Ira and Eleanor taught classes on Thursday evening each week. Jim preached at Promontory Point on Sunday morning and preached the evening message at Brigham City Bible Church. (He chartered a private plane to fly him there and back each Sunday). He also taught the mid-week Bible study lesson. In 1957, through the generosity of the Gleaner's Foundation, an acre of land was purchased and a church building was constructed which was to serve as a Navajo Student center and the Brigham City Bible Church. At first, rent was paid to the Gleaners. The building was dedicated in March 1958. The church was officially organized in January 1958. Ira served as pastor of the church, and James Cook was recognized as the co-pastor, and preached on Sunday nights from 1956 until 1962. In 1962, the church entered into contract to purchase the building from the Gleaners Foundation.

PERSONNEL:

- 1951 Rev. and Mrs. John Kyle**, come to Utah under ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (RMBF).
A main ministry was teaching Bible classes at Intermountain School in Brigham City.
He left Utah in 1954.
- 1954 James and Catherine Cook, Sr.** came to Utah under PIONEER BIBLE MISSION, on loan to Rocky Mountain Bible Fellowship.
RMBF merged into Pioneer Bible Mission (PBM) in 1958.
In 1965 United Faith Mission and the Evangelical School for the Deaf in Puerto Rico merged into Pioneer Bible Mission, and the new name of United Missionary Fellowship (UMF) was chosen.
In 1988 WEF Ministries and United Missionary Fellowship joined together to form a new mission, and the name chosen for the new mission was BIBLICAL MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE (BMW). The logistics of the merger were that WEF merged into United Missionary Fellowship because the California incorporation laws were preferred over Pennsylvania laws. BMW is a California corporation. For over a year, the main office was in Pennsylvania, but now the International Office is in Lawrenceville, Georgia.
Cooks taught Bible classes at Intermountain Indian School.
In 1955 they began church services in their home under the name Bible Fellowship Church.
Jim had a weekly radio program over KBUH in Brigham and arranged for three other radio programs to be broadcast over KBUH: The Hour of Decision, Radio Bible Class, and Back to the Bible Broadcast. Arrangements were also made for Ira Ransom to have 15 minutes 3 mornings a week on KBUH during the summer.
Those programs, Gospel Meditations, lasted for two summers.
Jim also spearheaded the purchase of the property where the Brigham City Bible Church was built, and helped with the construction of the parsonage in 1963.
Later he helped build the Evangelical Protestant Student Center at 335 East 600 South in Brigham City.
Jim served as co-pastor of the Brigham City Bible Church from 1956 until 1962, He ministered to the Navajo students until 1971.

1956 Ira and Eleanor Ransom arrived in Utah under ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP on September 6, 1956 with three children: Victor, Stephen and Miriam. He pastored Brigham City Bible Church from 1956 until 1965, with James Cook serving as co-pastor until 1962. A daughter, Connie, was born in 1959. Land was purchased and a building was started in 1957 and dedicated in March 1958. His literature ministry began in 1963 with the publishing of *"Is Mormonism Based on the Bible?"*

Highlights of the ministries in Brigham City include:

- the conversion of Edna Wight in May 1957,
- the conversion of Lorraine Nealson in August 1957,
- the conversion of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edmonds in Nov. 1957.
- the conversion of 23 people in 1959 during evangelistic meetings conducted by Ken Hasper.
- three young people going to Bible School: Leta Blair, Elaine Edmonds, Kathleen Edmonds.

Ransoms worked in Logan, Utah to establish Cache Valley Bible Church from 1965 to 1980.

Highlights of the ministry in Logan include:

- The conversion of Dennis Whitworth and five younger brothers and sisters (Ann, Gordon, Susan, Brian, and Lee.)
- Kiyo Kakuda entering Bible College and Christian camping ministry.
- The conversion of Ruby Young out of Mormonism.
- The radio program *"Good News from The Bible"* 5 days a week for eight years. It was a one minute program.
- The conversion of Pat and Lou Ann Morgan.
- The conversion of Debbie Thedell, who later became a pastor's wife (Mrs. Ben Kohrs).
- The winning of Corinne Kruse and Ann McCullough (Corinne became a pastor's wife, and Ann became a missionary to France).

From 1980 to 1995 Ira Ransom served as Field Leader of the mission and as interim pastor in several churches: Nephi Bible Church, Payson Bible Church, Calvary Bible Chapel in Blackfoot, Idaho, Lava Community Church and Roy Bible Church.

As of May 7, 1995, the Ransoms began the ministry of starting Grace Bible Church in Tremonton, Utah.

As of September 1997, they began holding services on Sunday night in North Ogden with a view toward starting Pleasant View Bible Church. Dominic Gonino took over the responsibility of Pleasant View Bible Church in November 1998.

1960 Richard and Margaret Manion came to serve under Pioneer Bible Mission.

They served in Pocatello Bible Church from 1960 to 1964. During that time they purchased a Jewish Synagogue on the corner of Arthur and Custer Streets. They served in Lava Community Church from 1964 to 1967. A new ministry opened for them during the summer of 1967. A church building in Blackfoot was offered to UMF if we would provide services for

at least two years and give a royal try to revive the work there.

Ira Ransom preached on Sunday night during July and August, then Dick and Margaret moved to Blackfoot and continued to serve there until 1975. They reached many families in Blackfoot, and a number of single and married Navy men stationed at Arco, Idaho.

Margaret was killed in a car wreck in November 1974, and Dick soon moved to Michigan with his five children.

Dick arranged for groups to come from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music (GRSBM) in 1963 and 1964 which resulted in a number of summer workers and several missionaries and pastors coming to the area during the following years.

1964 and 1965 Nora Whinnery, Donna Dudgeon, and Ruth Edwards

joined the mission and came to work in Utah or Idaho. Nora and Donna worked with the Cooks in the ministry to the Navajo students in 1964 and 1965. Donna Dudgeon and Ruth Edwards then worked together with the Cooks. Later Donna went to California to be a secretary in the home office of PBM and Ruth Edwards continued working in Brigham City and Kaysville for several years. The contact with GRSBM was beginning to have considerable impact on Utah and Idaho mission work.

1964 Charlotte Bechtel came to Utah the summer of 1964 in the summer program, then joined the mission that fall. She came to minister in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho in January 1965.

While in Lava, she taught Women's Bible Classes, and Bible clubs in a number of towns. She had clubs in Lava, Inkom, Blackfoot, Pocatello, McCammon, Downey, Arimo, Soda Springs, Arbon Valley, and Grace, Idaho.

She helped in the actual construction of the church building in Lava Hot Springs. She served in Lava from 1965 until 1987, then moved to Payson in 1987. She has taught in Awana and Sunday School at Payson. When the ministry of KEYY began in 1988 she became part of the radio staff.

1966 Dale and Rosie Potter came to the field.

In 1966 Dale preached in Gethsemane Baptist church in Idaho Falls as an interim.

From 1967 to 1971 he preached in Kamas, Utah.

The second building was completed during his ministry there.

From 1971 to 1975 he served as pastor of Brigham City Bible Church.

(Brigham City Bible Church had been released from PBM in 1965, and remained separate from the mission during the pastorates of John Lovegrove and Amo Stephens.

The church came back under the mission at the time Dale Potter became the pastor).

A highlight of his ministry in Brigham City was the salvation of Bob Hughes and family.

From 1971 to 1980 Potters ministered in Aberdeen, Idaho, and started Grace Bible Church. After they left Aberdeen, David Whitehead served there for a time, then Tom Peyton, on loan from Rural Home Missions Association (RHNIA), served in Aberdeen until the work was discontinued by a vote of the congregation. Three families were moving away at that time.

1967 Naomi Boger (Pauley).

Naomi served in Lava Hot Springs with Charlotte Bechtel, then in Blackfoot. Later she was married to Bruce Pauley and they came under UMF. See 1975.

1969 Daniel and Nancy Lupton.

1969... joined UMF and went on deputation.

1970 Taught VBS in Park City and Brigham City then helped in camp.

1970 started holding services in Payson, Utah on the Sunday after Labor Day.

1974 Concluded his ministry in Payson when things "stalled".

Highlights:

People getting saved such as Inez Walker, Bill and Mrs. Garst and others.

George Culbertson allowing him to use Minute Messages on the radio.

Camaraderie with other missionaries on the field.

Purchasing the old Presbyterian Church building in Payson.

Purchasing a 48-passenger bus at a bus auction.

Special meetings with Bob Graves.

1969 Ray and Eva Ransom (Father and Mother of Ira Ransom).

Ray and Eva Ransom joined UMF and moved to Utah in September 1969. They did deputation during the fall months.

Ray Ransom began **Traveling Bible Institute** in January 1970.

Each year he taught two classes including Bible Survey and Bible Doctrine. Also during certain years he taught Hermeneutics and Bible Analysis of certain books.

He taught regularly in Logan, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. He also taught

some years in Brigham City, Kaysville, Tremonton, Utah, and in Aberdeen, Idaho.

They also had a very fruitful ministry one summer in Hawaii and one summer in Puerto Rico.

He continued teaching until the fall of 1979 when a brain tumor was discovered which was affecting his speech. He passed away May 6, 1980.

Eva Ransom provided nursery care for children in various churches while he taught classes. She moved to Brigham City in 1980 and was involved in visitation and assisting missionary work by stuffing envelopes etc.

She was always faithful in praying for various missionary endeavors on the field.

She passed away on September 28, 1998, at the age of 91, due to complications of Leukemia and liver failure.

1970 Darlene Potrude.

She arrived on the field as a missionary with UMF in January 1970 and served first in Logan, teaching Bible Clubs in Logan and Hyrum.

Later she moved to Blackfoot, Idaho where she worked with Naomi Boger.

Later she moved to Nephi, then to Payson.

Darlene became very interested in a counseling ministry to women about 1994 or 1995 and began a ministry which BMW field personnel were very hesitant about endorsing.

She resigned from the mission, and continued her chosen ministry in Utah County, with her support channeled through her home church. She is still a volunteer at KEYY radio station.

1971 John and Nora Romanosky.

John and Nora were in charge of the Evangelical Protestant Center from 1971 to

1975 and ministered to the Navajo students. The Potters moved to Aberdeen in 1975

and John became the missionary-pastor of Brigham City Bible Church in 1975 and

continued in that capacity until 1990. Intermountain School finally closed about 1980. In 1986 the church started construction on a new church building which was dedicated in the Spring of 1987.

Romanoskys experienced the death of their two daughters Karolyn and Kristin, in an automobile accident in California in June 1986.

Brigham City Bible Church became self-supporting and was released from the mission in 1987. The Brigham City Bible Church grew in stability during the ministry of the Romanoskys. John resigned in 1990, and Jim Dietz became his successor.

John also served a Director of Pioneer Bible Camp (PBC) from 1975 until 1988.

Various camp facilities were rented starting with Palisades Bible Camp in 1965, with John Lovegrove serving as director. Other facilities that were rented were Camp Utaba, the United Church of Christ camp near Coalville, Utah, the 4-H Camp near Alpine, Wyoming, and Camp Utaba near Liberty, Utah, again. Land was purchased by PBC in 1989.

1972 Ron and Wanda Thompson came to work in Utah under UMF.

Ron worked in Utah for two summers as part of the *Student Training Experience Assisting Missions* (STEAM) Program, and Wanda worked in the STEAM program one summer. They were married in the fall of 1971, and came to work in Logan with Ira Ransom from January until September 1972. They moved to Kaysville and started holding services in an old Presbyterian Church building in November 1972.

He continued on as pastor of Kaysville Bible Church until 1982.

Highlights were:

- buying a parsonage and acreage upon which to build.
- Constructing a church building.
- Spearheading the starting of Roy Bible Church as a sister Church.

In 1982, Thompsons moved to Cedar City.

They purchased a home there, and also a small TV station which they remodeled into a Church building.

Later, that building was added on to twice.

Ron concluded his ministry in Cedar City in 1993 and moved to

LaVerkin where he started Mountain View Bible Church, and constructed a building.

Mountain View Bible Church was a sister church of Southland Bible Church.

This last ministry was in co-operation with Tentmaker Bible Mission.

While in Cedar City he was active in finding land and starting Cedar Mountain Retreat, a summer camping ministry.

1974 Steve Barsuhn joined UMF in 1974 after two summers of ministry in Utah and Idaho in 1973 and 1974. He joined IJMF in June 1974.

He started Tremonton Bible Church in Tremonton, Utah in November 1974 and preached there until December 1977.

Several couples were saved and two couples left to enter Bible Institute. Steve resigned from the mission to return to Michigan. In Utah we said that it was a "dear" hunting trip and that he was successful and got a buck (Laurie Buck).

In May 1983, Steve and Laurie returned to Utah and he pastored both Nephi Bible Church and Payson Bible Church until November 1984 at which time Bill Bagley came to pastor in Nephi under the Stage Two program.

Steve continued in Payson as pastor of Payson Bible Church until 1989. In 1988 the mission had the opportunity to purchase KEYY in Provo. Steve Barsuhn was made the station manager.

1974 James and Cathy Cornell

Jim and Cathy worked in the summer program in 1974, then joined UMF in December 1974. After deputation, they served in Tremonton, Utah in Faith Bible Church from 1977 to 1979 at which time that ministry was discontinued.

Jim Cornell then served as pastor of Roy Bible Church from 1980 to 1982.

Then the Cornells moved to California and were involved in a ministry there.

1975 Bruce and Naomi Pauley.

Naomi served in a summer project in 1964, then joined UNIF in 1967 and worked in Lava Hot Springs with Charlotte Bechtel for three years. Then Naomi moved to Blackfoot to assist the Manions. She continued serving in Blackfoot until 1974 at which time she left the mission. In 1975 she married Bruce Pauley, and they served together in Payson, Utah in 1975 and 1976.

1976 Dennis and Connie Whitworth.

The Whitworths participated in the summer STEAM program in 1974.

They joined United Missionary Fellowship on June 1, 1976, then served an internship at Cache Valley Bible Church until they moved to Nephi in August 1978.

A number of people trusted Christ, some of them coming out of Mormonism during their ministry in Nephi. Joy Carter, one of the converts, later became a pastor's wife. They purchased a basement home for Nephi Bible Church, and built a building above the basement part. Dennis also helped in the building of the new building in Payson. They lived in Kaysville from February until the summer of 1982, then moved to Salt Lake City to start a work in the Rose Park area. That ministry never developed.

Dennis observed that in a rural area like Nephi, there were suspicions to overcome, but in an area like Rose Park there were racial and ethnic hostilities to overcome.

They moved to Roy Bible Church in 1985 to assist the Lofquists and again became involved in a building program. Dennis accepted Christ on July 16, 1968 while talking with Ira Ransom. Dennis was instrumental in getting his brothers and sisters active in Cache Valley Bible Church. At various times different ones were saved and baptized, and all six (Dennis, Ann, Gordon, Susan, Brian, and Lee) attended Bible Institute or Bible College.

1975 Gary and Sarah Jane Foster joined the mission.

Fosters came to Utah in 1977 and he pastored Payson Bible Church until August 1981.

While in Payson:

- They started the Awana Club.

- Frank and Roberta Curtis were saved.

- They designed and built a new church building (1979 and 1980).

1978 David and Marilyn Funk.

After Dick Manion left Calvary Bible Chapel in 1975, Duane Service, who grew up in Meeker Bible Church, Meeker, Colorado, came to pastor the church. He was not a member of the mission, but became pastor of a mission church. Things went well until 1978 when he began to put pressure on the people to start an ACE

Christian School. The church people opposed starting that kind of a Christian School. After a business meeting in which the church definitely voted down starting an ACE school, Duane again preached about starting such a school. The church board gave him a thirty-day leave of absence to consider whether or not he would go the way they wished, or would continue to insist on an ACE school. During that thirty-day leave of absence, he started an ACE Christian School, and also Blackfoot Bible Church. His services at Calvary Bible Chapel ended in 1978. **David and Marilyn Funk** joined UMF and came to Calvary Bible Chapel in June 1978. They continued in that ministry until November 1982. David served the Blackfoot Church at a very crucial time.

1979 Royce and Anne Short.

They joined UMF in the summer of 1979, and immediately began deputation. They were originally accepted to go to New Zealand, but the mission wanted to keep him closer home "for observation" for a while. Since Ray Ransom had passed away in May 1980, UMF officials asked Royce to take the Traveling Bible Institute for a while.

Shorts arrived in Utah in November 1980, and got an apartment in Kaysville. For the first two years, Royce did a lot of traveling during the week, and preached in different churches on Sundays many times. He preached in Aberdeen, Blackfoot, Lava Hot Springs, Brigham City, and Payson. They also conducted a week of VBS in Payson. He also served as an interim Pastor in Roy Bible Church the winter of 1981/ 1982.

Royce became the pastor of Kaysville Bible Church in September of 1982. In November 1987, KBC celebrated their 25th anniversary. The church became self-supporting in January 1986. After that status was reached, the Shorts resigned from UMF and stayed to pastor Kaysville Bible church.

A new building was constructed, and began to be used as of October 1995. The former building was sold to True Vine Baptist Church. A continual highlight in the ministry has been to observe the spiritual development of people over the years.

Royce resigned as pastor of Kaysville Bible Church in October 1998, to take a teaching position with Bob Jones University, starting the fall of 1999.

1980 Les and Miriam Lofquist. (Miriam is a daughter of Ira and Eleanor Ransom).

Miriam grew up in Utah. Les came to Utah to work in the summer STEAM program in 1974. They came to Utah as the first Stage Two pastor. (A Stage Two pastor was a pastor who was an associate with the mission to pastor a mission church with the intent to stay as pastor after the church was self supporting).

Les was pastor of Roy Bible Church from 1982 to 1992.

In 1985 the Church moved from the house which the Church had purchased to the Day Care Center. The Roy Bible Church became self-supporting in 1990, and was released from the mission in 1991.

In 1991, they began construction of a building. Les resigned as pastor of Roy Bible Church and moved to Michigan in January of 1992.

Ira Ransom served as interim from January to December 1992.

Thomas Moorhouse came to be the pastor in December 1992.

1982 Dominic and Elaine Gonino joined UMF.

Dominic participated in the summer STEAM program the summers of 1978 and 1979. They joined UMF in January 1982. He pastored Calvary Bible Chapel in Blackfoot, Idaho from the summer of 1983 to November 1985.

Next, they worked as team members with Ron and Wanda Thompson in Valley Bible Church in Cedar City from 1985 to 1987. In 1987, they moved to Richfield and started Richfield Bible Church. The first church building of RBC was dedicated in June 1993. Dominic was appointed Field Leader in 1996.

Dominic concluded his ministry in Richfield as of September 27, 1998, at which time Dennis Kirkland was installed as the new pastor.

Dominic and Elaine have moved to Eden, Utah to start a church, and to take the ministry of Pleasant View Bible Church. His main ministry will be Fellowship Bible Church in Eden, Utah. The first Sunday morning service was held in the music room of Snowcrest Junior High School building on February 7, 1999.

1984 Bill and Gloria Bagley came to Utah in 1984 as a Stage Two pastor.

Bill became the Pastor of Nephi Bible Church.

Economically the town was struggling at that time, and the church struggled too as a number of families moved away.

In 1988, the Bagleys moved to Pleasant Grove, affiliated with Tentmakers Bible Mission and they started the Fellowship Bible Church in Lindon. They have been able to build and dedicate a nice building. Bill Bagley, Jr. is now the pastor of that church, and Bill and Gloria are on the teaching staff at Frontier School of the Bible, LaGrange, Wyoming.

1985 Lee and Diana Whitworth joined UMF in 1985.

First they served an internship in Riverside, California.

From 1988 to 1990, they were team workers with the Goninos in Richfield.

From 1990 to 1998 Lee has been pastor of Payson Bible Church. Lee counts souls saved, and baptisms as some of the highlights of his ministry in Payson. Lee became a Christian through the ministry of the Ransoms in Logan, Utah.

1985 Mark and Karen Simpson.

Mark and Karen were originally missionaries with Utah Bible Mission, but came to work with UMF in June of 1985.

Mark and Karen served an internship at Elwood Chipchase's Church in San Bernardino, California from July to November 1985. Then Mark served as pastor of Calvary Bible Chapel in Blackfoot, Idaho from November 1985 to December 1986.

After Mark left Blackfoot, he joined NICE and served a church in Montana. Currently he is pastor of Village Bible Church in Salina, Kansas.

1985 Frank and Roberta Curtis.

They joined the mission in 1985, then started Provo Bible Church in July of 1989. They dedicated a new building on November 23, 1997. Frank came to know the Lord and came out of Mormonism through the ministry of Gary Foster at Payson Bible Church.

1987 Clint and Pam Jeffcott came to Idaho as a short-term missionary with UMF.

Clint pastored Calvary Bible Chapel in Blackfoot, Idaho from May 1987 until June 1998.

There was growth in the ministry. Construction on a new building was begun in February 1994, and completed in 1998.

While in Blackfoot, ministries included a monthly radio spot, teaching Basic Theology at Evangelical Study Center in Pocatello, Can Do Clubs, Ladies Bible studies, Senior Bible studies, New Converts Bible Studies, Vacation Bible school, various camps and retreats, Joy Clubs, Conquerors for teen boys, and Evangelistic community outreach efforts.

1990 John and Sharon Steel

Steels had worked with WEF on other fields and were transferred to Utah to be part of KEYY radio staff. They first visited the field in February 1990. They moved to Provo and bought a home in March 1991. They served on the staff of KEYY until March 1996. They moved to Greenville, S.C. and he works for Bob Jones University.

1991 Lloyd and Melba Russell.

Lloyd and Melba had served with WEF Ministries in Ireland and for a year or more in the Deaf-blind ministry BMW has in Los Angeles. Lloyd previously had two kidney transplants. They came to work as part of the staff of KEYY in 1991, and stayed until 1992. They were forced to leave the mission and get employment in order to have insurance coverage. They couldn't afford insurance coverage with the mission.

1992 Rick and Teri Robinson.

Rick and Teri joined BMW in 1992 and moved to Utah to become part of the staff of KEYY. They were never very successful in raising support, and he had to do secular work all the time they were in Provo. In 1994, he spoke in a church in Kansas while on deputation, and they called him to be their pastor. Robinsons left the mission and moved to Kansas in 1994.

1993 Tom and Pam Jeffcott had served with the UMF (BMW) in Hawaii from 1978 to 1987.

From 1987 to 1993 they served in the International office in Georgia as Western Representative, Communication's Manager, and Assistant Area Director for North America Fields.

They came to Utah in 1993 and Tom became missionary-pastor of Valley Bible Church in Cedar City, Utah.

Highlights of the ministry include AWANA, Men's Bible studies, Women's Bible studies, visitation with business men in Cedar City, and participating in the summer camp ministry.

The church is now debt free.

1993 David and Andrea Brunner had been with BIBLICAL MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE for several years raising support to go to Italy. When that did not work out, they were re-directed to Utah.

In 1993, David served as interim in Cedar City for several months.

From 1993 to 1995, David and Andrea served in a team ministry in Blackfoot, Idaho with Clint and Pam Jeffcott.

From 1995 until July 1998, David and Andrea served in a team ministry in Richfield Bible Church, serving with Dominic and Elaine Gonino.
As of July 1998, they moved to Montpelier, Idaho to start a Bible Church there.

1995 Tina Ruhstorfer arrived on the Utah field in February 1995 to work at the KEYY radio station. She left Utah in September 1996 to marry Doug Ymker. Doug had come to Utah to work on the new building for Provo Bible Church. He worked as a volunteer for four months.

1997 David and Mary Claire Haenlein.

David came to be a volunteer at KEYY as of October 1997 and worked at KEYY for several extended periods of time. The family moved to Utah in May of 1998. David has a retirement income, and Mary Claire is employed at a hospital.

1998 Chris and Patti Allinger.

Chris and Patti joined BMW and attended candidate school the fall of 1988. After deputation, they went to Honduras in October 1992. They served in Honduras until September 1997. They came to Provo, Utah to be part of the KEYY radio staff as of January 1998. They also are having a Spanish ministry in connection with Provo Bible Church.

1998 Robert and Dorothy Jeffcott.

Dr. Jeffcott had served on the board of Pioneer Bible Mission for years. He became the General Director of the mission in 1965, about the time that there was a merger and the name was changed to United Missionary Fellowship. Under his leadership, the mission purchased their own headquarters, and the mission grew and increased in financial strength and stability. In 1988, there was a merger with WEF Ministries, and the new mission Biblical Ministries Worldwide was organized by taking the best from both WEF Ministries and United Missionary Fellowship. The California Incorporation continued, but the main office was moved to Pennsylvania, then to Georgia. Rev. Paul Seger became the new General Director of BMW in 1995. After he retired as General Director of BMW, Dr. Jeffcott and Dorothy purchased a home in Cedar City and moved to Utah. In 1998, they began an outreach Bible study in Panguitch, Utah. Now Sunday services have been started with four different pastors sharing the responsibility: Robert Jeffcott, Tom Jeffcott, Ron Thompson, and Dennis Kirkland.

1998 Dennis and Lora Kirkland.

Kirklands had served with BMW on two other fields, but came to Utah in September 1998, and Dennis became the pastor of Richfield Bible Church as of September 27, 1998.

PASTORS OF VARIOUS CHURCHES STARTED BY THE MISSION:

Brigham City Bible Church

James F. Cook, 1955-1956 (Ministered to Navajo students and families)

Ira Ransom, with James Cook, as co-pastor. 1956-1962
Ira Ransom 1962- February 1965.
John Lovegrove April 1965 - April 1968.
Amo Stephens June 1968- December 1970.
James Cook (interim) 1971
Dale Potter June 1971-1975
John Romanosky 1975- 1990
James Dietz 1990-

Pocatello Bible Church

Richard Manion Oct. 1960-1964.
Robert Elwell Sept. 1964-1967.
Russell Peat Sept. 1967-1969.
Dwight Hagee Oct. 1969 -Dec. 1974.
Fred DeMara March 1975-Dec. 1975.
Michael Powell May 1976-August 1989.
Robert Greer August 1989- 1992
David Thompson June 1992-

Cache Valley Bible Church

Ira Ransom 1965-1980
Michael McDonald 1980-1982
Mark DeMato 1982-1990
Eldon Peterson 1990-

(Affiliated with Evangelical Free Church after Eldon became the pastor.)

Kamas Bible Church

James Cook, 1955
John Hornok 1955-1958
James Cook 1959-1967
Dale Potter 1967-1971
Affiliated with the Conservative Baptists. 1971-1995.
Dennis Winfield. Became a Bible Church again. 1995-

Lava Community Church

Richard Manion 1964 -1968.
Sherman Weberg 1968-1970
Richard Marsceau 1970-1980
Martin Bacalia 1982-1984
Bruce Pauley 1986-1987
Ira Ransom (interim for 10 months 1987- 1988)
David Whitehead Aug. 7, 1988-

Calvary Bible Chapel

Richard Manion 1968 - 1974.
Duane Service 1975- 1978
David Funk 1978- 1982,
Dominic Gonino 1983-1985

Mark Simpson 1985- 1986
Ira Ransom (interim for 6 months) Dec. 1986- May 1987.
Clint Jeffcott June 1987 - 1998
David Brunner, Interim Sept. 1998- June 1999 (Anticipated).
Richard Horak, July 1999 (He has been called, and has accepted the call, to begin his ministry in July 1999).

Payson Bible Church

Daniel Lupton 1970- 1974
Bruce Pauley 1975- 1976
Gary Foster 1977- 1981
Ira Ransom, interim 9/81 to 4/83.
Steven Barsuhn 1983- 1989
Ira Ransom, interim 1/90 to 10/90.
Lee Whitworth 1990-

Nephi Bible Church

Dennis Whitworth 1978- 1981
Ira Ransom (interim) 1981- 1983
Steven Barsuhn 1983- 1984 Bill
Bagley 1984 - 1988

Kaysville Bible Church

Ronald Thompson 1972- 1982
Royce Short 1982- 1999

Roy Bible Church

Ron Thompson August 1979 to December 1979
James Cornell 1980- 1982
Les Lofquist 1982-1992
Ira Ransom, interim 1/92 to 12/92.
Tom Moorhouse 1992-

Valley Bible Church

Ron Thompson 1982- 1993
David Brunner (interim summer of 1993).
Tom Jeffcott 1993-2017

Mountain View Bible Church

Ronald Thompson 1993-

Richfield Bible Church

Dominic Gonino 1987- 1998
Dennis Kirkland 1998-

Provo Bible Church

Frank Curtis July 1989-

Grace Bible Church, Aberdeen, Idaho

Dale Potter 1975- 1980

David Whitehead June 1980- December 1980. Thomas

Peyton 1981- August 1983.

Faith Bible Church, Tremonton, Utah

Steven Barsuhn 1974 to 1977

James Cornell 1977-1979

Grace Bible Church, Tremonton, Utah

Ira Ransom 1994 -

Fellowship. Bible Church, Eden, Utah.

Dominic Gonino 1999-

Note: Other men may have served as interim pastors and pulpit supply who are not listed.

OTHER MISSIONS WORKING IN UTAH AND IDAHO:

1953 Rev. and Mrs. John Hornok.

Soon after arriving in Utah, he established Utah Bible Mission.

Some of their missionaries were George Cook, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Mullenix, the Christensens, Mark and Karen Simpson, and their son Dan Hornok.

John started Murray Bible Church in 1953. Later their son Ken became the pastor of Murray Bible Church, which later became Midvalley Bible Church.

Grace Community Bible Church was started through UBM, and it is now pastored by Daniel Hornok.

Among highlights of the Hornok ministry were the conversions of Karen Titcomb (Mrs. Mark Simpson), and Connie Tapp (Mrs. Dennis Whitworth).

In 1954, the Hornoks started Timpanogos Bible Camp. Many young people were saved and taught through the ministry of that camp.

1978 Stephen and Rhonda Ransom arrived in Utah on July 24, 1978. (Stephen is a son of Ira and Eleanor Ransom).

They did not join any mission group at the time, but they came to be employed and assist Ron Thompson at Kaysville Bible Church as Christian lay people.

They worked in the Church in numerous capacities.

After Steve had two electronic repair stores operating, he got a burden for the camping ministry of Pioneer Bible Camp. He offered to be the director of the camp, look for property, and spearhead building a camp. His offer was accepted and he sold both of his businesses and became full time camp director in 1989.

Pioneer Bible Camp is now a reality, a result of that vision and commitment.

Pioneer Bible Camp is incorporated separately from the mission, but the heritage of Pioneer Bible Mission is carried on in the name of the camp which was started in 1965 when Pioneer Bible Camp was organized and Palisades Bible Camp facilities were first rented.

1985 Tim and Joy Miles.

When they came to Utah in 1985, that was also the beginning of Tentmakers Bible Mission ministry in Utah. Tim and Joy Miles settled in the St. George area, and began ministering there in Southland Bible church. The first phase of the building was constructed in 1988.

They built the second phase in 1990. In 1995, they built the sister work in LaVerkin, the building for Mountain View Bible Church. The third building phase for Southland Bible Church was constructed in 1998.

1996 Derrick and June Smothers came to Utah under TENTMAKERS BIBLE MISSION in 1996. As of November 1997, they started holding services in Springville, Utah. The church is called Grace Bible Church. June is the daughter of Bill and Gloria Bagley.

1997 David and Anikkia Koester also are members of TENTMAKERS BIBLE MISSION serving in Utah. For a couple years they served with Ron Thompson in LaVerkin, Utah. In 1997 they moved to Smithfield, Utah, and attended Grace Bible Church in Tremonton and helped there for several months. In January 1998, they began holding church services in Smithfield, Utah, calling the church, Bridgerland Bible Church.

1997 Darrel and Julie Forseen are also members of TENTMAKERS BIBLE MISSION. They moved to Utah in 1997. They are part of the team to start the church in Smithfield. Julie is a sister to David Koester. Darrel and Julie are looking forward to their own church ministry in the not too distant future.

1965 Wallace Higgins started an independent Baptist Church in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Not long after he came to Wyoming, he started Northwest Baptist Mission. Later he moved to Salt Lake City. Currently NWBM has 50 missionary families serving in ten States. They have 9 churches in Utah, plus 3 that have been released. They have 4 churches in Idaho, and 5 couples in Idaho, plus 2 new men in Idaho.

1990 Ken Young and his wife and family moved to the Pocatello area in 1990. He served as interim pastor in Inkom Community Bible Church from 1990 to 1992. He has worked in Arbon Valley from 1990 to 1998, to start a church there. He began working in Downey in 1994 to start a church there, and that work continues to the present time. Ken Young and his wife are affiliated with American Missionary Fellowship (ANF).

1992 Pastor and Mrs. Chip Thompson also have started Ephraim Church of the Bible in Ephraim, Utah. They arrived in Utah with their family in May of 1992. They minister to about 130 people, but many do not attend regularly. About 70 or 75 attend consistently. Some are ex-communicated Mormons who haven't been saved yet.

* Honorable mention goes to Missionary Ron Thompson, an idea man, for the suggestion of "*These Forty Years*" as the title for this brief history. Prepared in 1998 and printed in 1999.